

ASHBOURNE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.



REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1950.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health.

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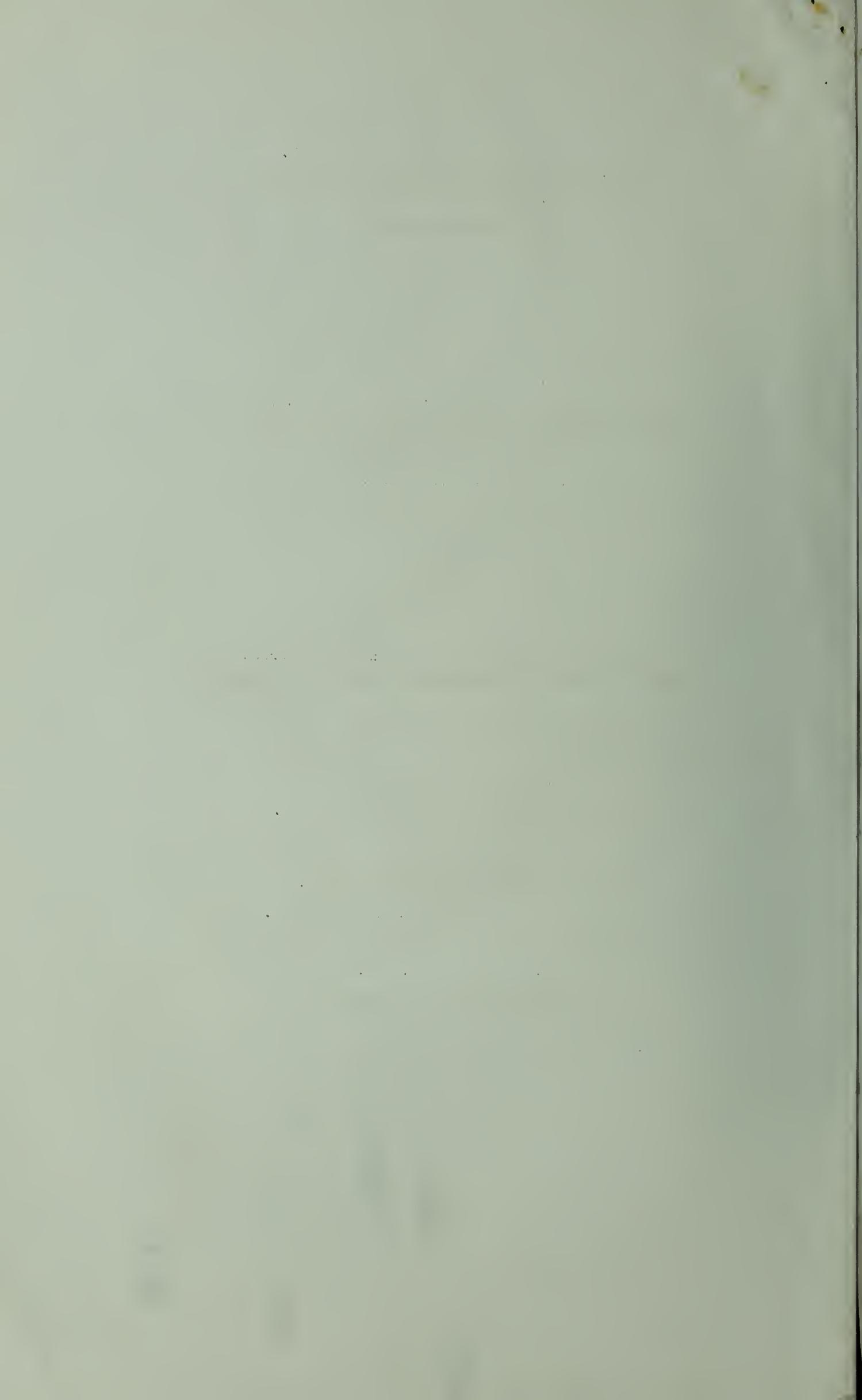
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ANNUAL REPORT

To the Ashbourne Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health, sanitary circumstances, vital statistics and various activities of the Health Department for the year ending 1950.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area. 86,188 acres.

Population. Estimated by the Registrar General 12,320.

Estimated number of inhabited houses according to rate books, 3237.

Rateable Value. £44,353.

Product of a penny rate. £185.

The chief industries carried on in the District are dairy farming, limestone quarrying and grinding, gravel digging, silica digging and manufacturing the same into refractory articles. There is also a Tape Mill.

Extract from Vital Statistics of the Year.

BIRTHS.

<u>Live Births</u>	Male	Female	Total	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the civil population.
Legitimate	86	87	173	
Illegitimate	3	3	6	
	<u>89</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>14.4</u>

Still Births

Legitimate	1	3	4	
Illegitimate	1	—	1	
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>.40</u>

DEATHS.

62 67 129

Death rate per 1,000 of Civil population - 10.5

Natural increase of population - 47.

Number of persons dying in or in consequence of childbirth

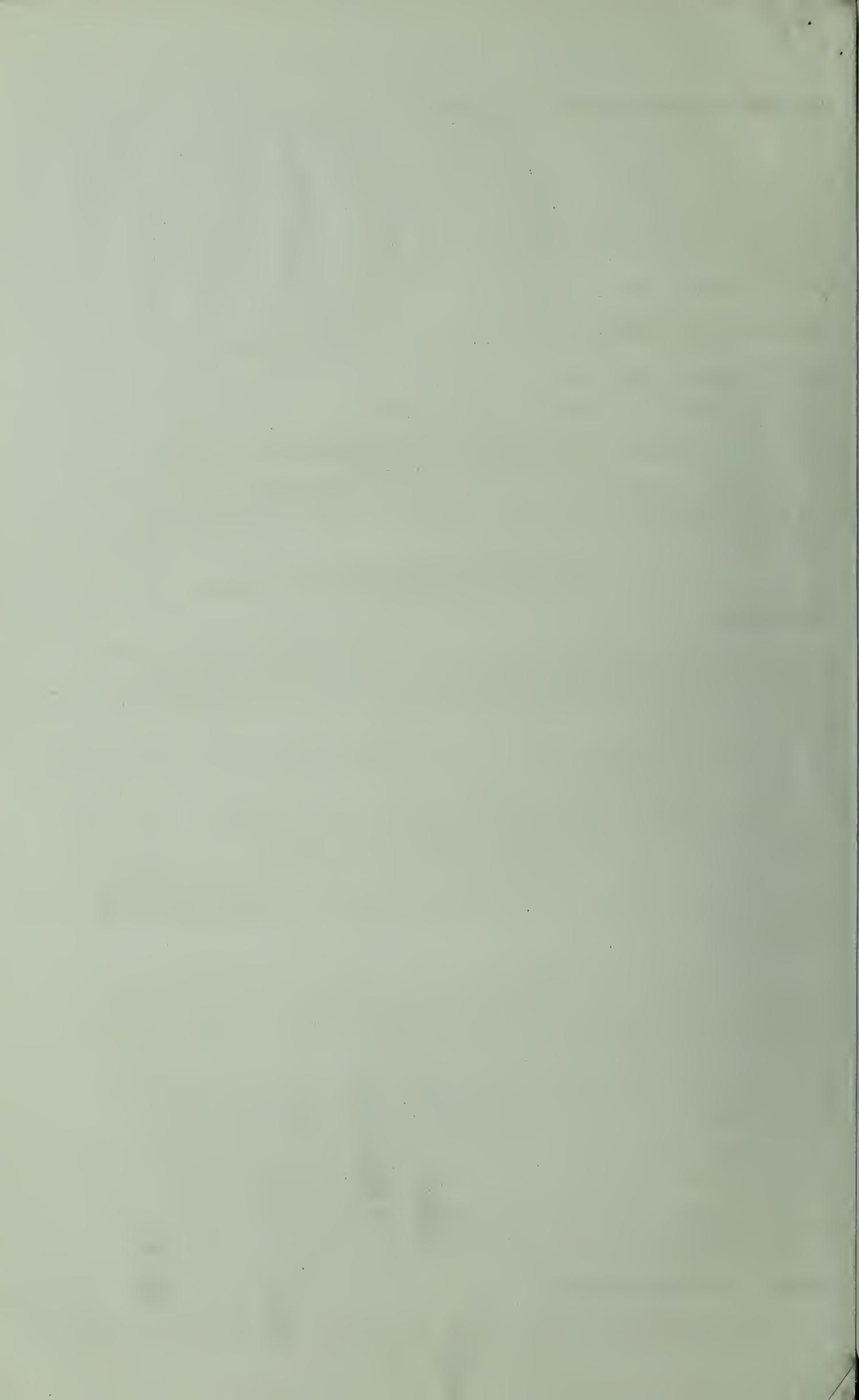
From Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
From other maternal causes	Nil

INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age -

	Male	Female	Total.
Legitimate	4	—	4
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

Infant Mortality Rates (i.e. Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 births) - 22.1



SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL (CONTD)

and Brassington.

Permission to proceed with the last two schemes has been received from the Ministry of Health.

The Council have also called for reports on sewage schemes for Brailsford and Kniveton.

LEGISLATION

New byelaws for handling food have been approved by the Council and submitted to the Ministry of Health for confirmation.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Since water mains have been laid to a number of the Villages, there is an ever increasing request for permission to convert closets to water closets. Owing to the unsatisfactory method of sewage disposal in many villages, these requests at the present time are unfortunately having to be discouraged.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

No change has been made in the refuse collection service. A fortnightly collection of domestic refuse is made to all properties within easy access of a highway where an approved pattern dustbin is supplied.

HENMORE AND BENTLEY BROOKS FLOODING SCHEME.

During the year approval has been obtained and the work has commenced to alleviate the flooding from domestic and agricultural land in the parish of Clifton caused by the overflowing of water from the Henmore and Bentley Brooks and in part from the River Dove.

The works include the construction of new floodbanks and the repair of existing; provision of traffic crossings over the floodbanks and the construction of training works at various points on the respective waterways; the installation of flood relief pipes and widening of the waterways where necessary; the replacement of existing narrow bridges by new constructions and the clearing of obstructions including trees, bushes, collapsed walling, stones, silt and debris from the beds and banks of the Henmore Brook and the Bentley Brook.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

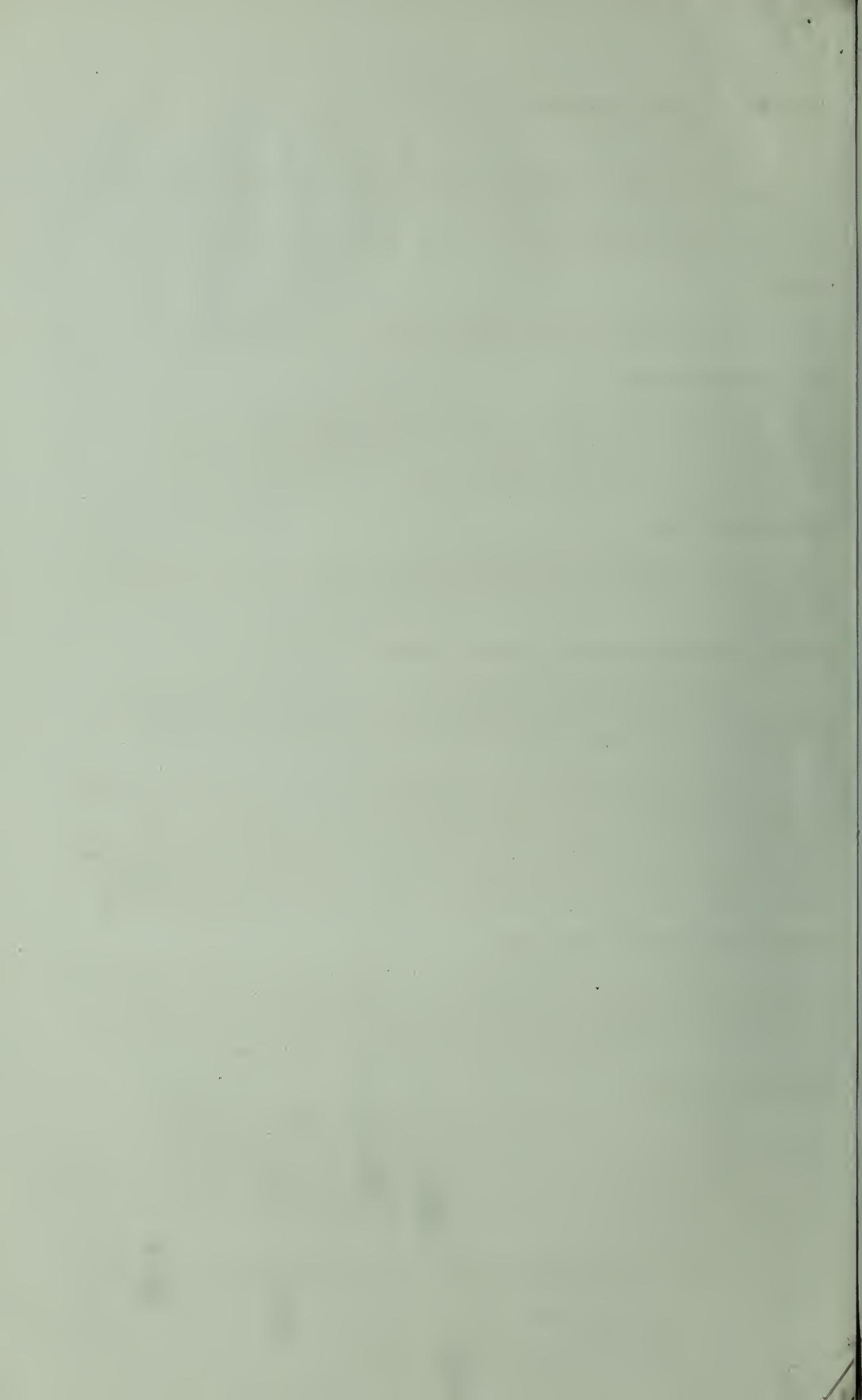
During the year 1950 calls were made by your Inspectors for the abatement of nuisances, 56 Informal and 3 Formal Notices were served, 40 of which were complied with. Legal proceedings were commenced in one instance and the person concerned complied with the Notice before the summons was heard. The summons was therefore withdrawn.

INSPECTION OF FOOD.

Owing to the central slaughtering of animals there are no animals slaughtered in the District except pigs for home consumption. Numerous pigs killed for home consumption were inspected at the request of the owner. Difficulties have arisen in cases where pigs were affected with generalized tuberculosis and the owner retained the carcases for their own consumption. No further action could be taken by the Department.

Regular inspections of meat and other foods have been made during the year. Details of visits and inspections made are as follows :-

Slaughterhouses	31
Bakchouses	11
Shops etc.	29
Catering establishments	14



RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

94 houses comprising of 6 parishes have been inspected and placed in the following categories :-

Category No.	CARSINGTON	HOPTON	IBLE	NEWTON	GRANGE	EATON & ALSOP	KNIVETON	TOTAL
2b.	3	2	-	-	-	3	-	8
3c.	24	9	1	4	15	25	78	
T/3c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
C/3c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
4/3c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
5c.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
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Interpretation of Classification CategoriesCategory No. Classification.

1. Satisfactory.

2. Minor Defects

2a. Requiring urgent attention.

2b. Disrepair not urgent or serious.

3. Major Defects.

3a. Requiring urgent attention.

3b. Requiring early attention.

3c. Moderate repair and/or in need of certain amenities.

4. Rural Worker's Act.

Subdivided into
Major defects (3) or Unfit (5)

5. Unfit

5a. Dangerous structural defects.

5b. Serious structural defects.

5c. Not requiring urgent attention.

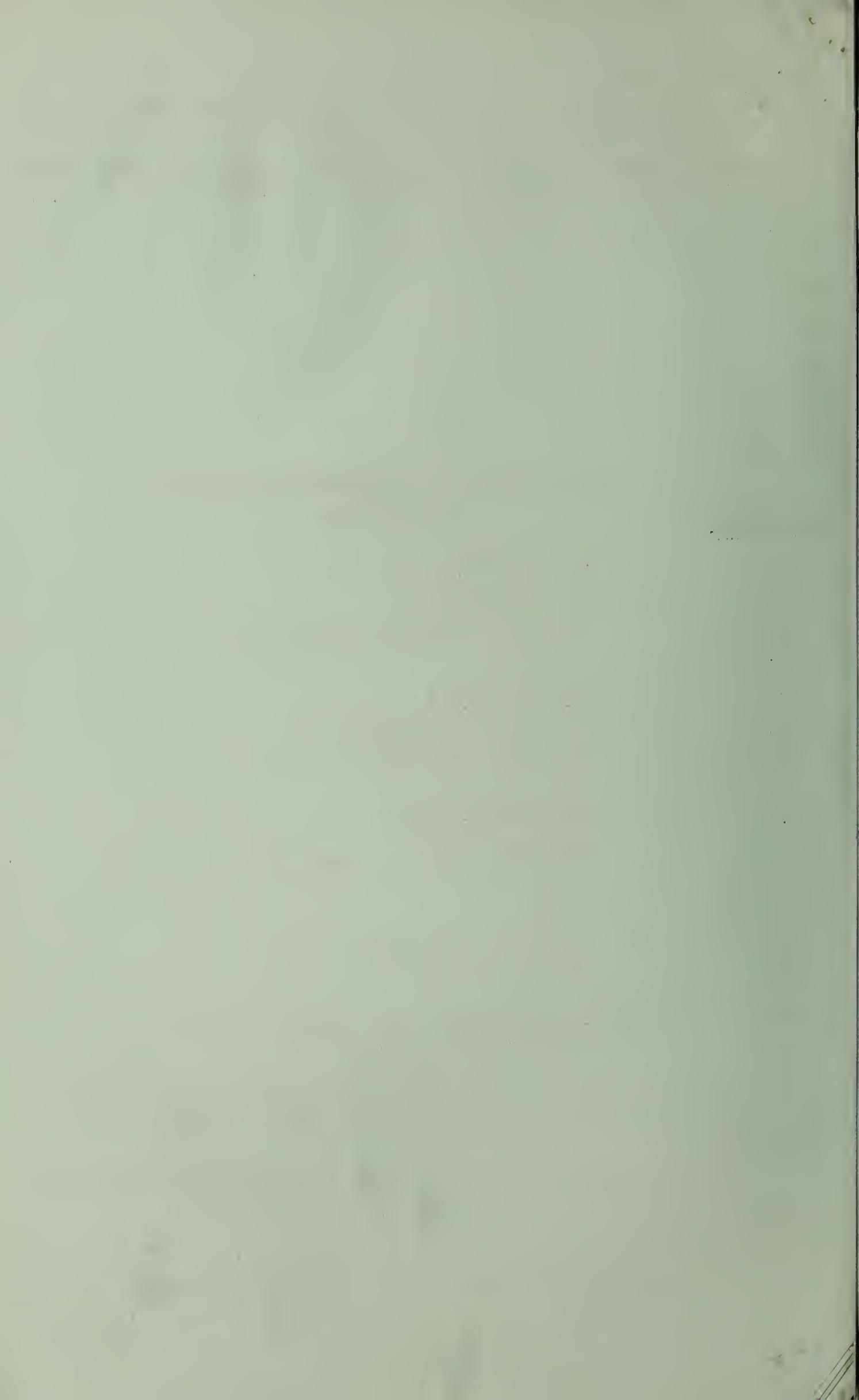
Special Categories - Council Houses ... Prefix letter "C"
Overcrowded ... Prefix letter "O"
Temporary Dwellings. Prefix letter "T"

The majority of the houses placed in Category 3c (houses in need of moderate and/or in need of certain amenities) are houses without water closet accommodation; internal dampness, and no separate food stores; no washing accommodation and lack of natural light and ventilation.

The question of water closet accommodation cannot be considered until a sewage disposal and treatment system is installed in these Villages.

FACTORIES.

11 inspections were made of factories in the area.



PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The particulars of the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during the year are set out in the table -

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Smallpox.	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	9	9	0
Diphtheria.	0	0	0
Enteric Fever.	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	1	0
Pneumonia.	3	0	3
Erysipelas.	4	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis.	0	0	0
Measles.	67	0	0
Whooping Cough.	124	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS

It has not been necessary to take any action under the Public Health (prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, or, under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY.

New Cases - Respiratory 3. Non-Respiratory 3. Deaths 2.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. H. Hollick.

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1951.



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I have the honour to be Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Hubert H. Smith.

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1950.

